

REDUCTION AND EXPUNGEMENT OF CONVICTIONS

The California Gambling Control Commission must deny any applicant who was convicted of a misdemeanor involving dishonesty or moral turpitude within the 10-year period immediately preceding the date of their application. The Commission must also deny any applicant with a felony conviction.

However, if the applicant requests to have their convictions reduced and expunged, and the request is granted prior to them submitting their application, then the convictions are no longer a cause for a mandatory denial. However, the convictions can still be cause for a discretionary denial.

If a felony conviction is not reduced before the expungement, then the Commission considers the applicant to have a felony conviction, which would be cause for a mandatory denial. If the felony conviction is both reduced and expunged, then the Commission has the discretion to either approve or deny the application.

Applicants can obtain a copy of their criminal record from the Department of Justice online at <https://oag.ca.gov/fingerprints/record-review>

The Judicial Branch of California's website has an online tool with reduction and expungement instructions: <https://selfhelp.courts.ca.gov/clean-your-record>

Applicants can follow the Judicial Branch's instructions on filing a request to have the conviction reduced and then expunged from the record.

Felony convictions must be reduced before being expunged from the record.

As a reminder, even if the convictions were reduced and expunged, applicants must still disclose them on their application. The Commission still retains the discretion to deny the application, even if the convictions no longer require a mandatory denial.



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